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REACTION OF KANEKO KEIICHI TO 30-DAY MULTI-REGIONAL
CONFERENCE:

KANEKO'S GRANT DRAMATICALLY EFFECTIVE. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE,
KANEKO SEEMED EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO TRAVEL AND HAD MANY
TRIVIAL QUESTIONS ABOUT PARTICIPANTS, PROGRAMMING,
AND
SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS. ON HIS RETURN HE APPEARED TO
BE A DIFFERENT MAN, RELAXED, SMILING, OUTGOING, AND
FRIENDLY.

FIRST-HAND OBSERVATION DESTROYED MANY PREJUDICES. TWO
EXAMPLES: 1) FORMERLY BELIEVED USG SECRETARY CONTROLLED
TRADE UNION MOVEMENT. DISCOVERED THIS WAS PATENTLY
UNTRUE. 2) VISIT TO CITY SLUM CONVINCED HIM THAT WORST
CONDITIONS IN AMERICA WERE NOT AS BAD AS HE HAD
CONCEIVED THEM. HE SAID HIS VISIT WAS MORE USEFUL AND
MORE PLEASANT THAN ANTICIPATED. PRAISED ICIT SEMINAR
AND WILLINGNESS OF THE SPONSORING AFT TO ALLOW HIM
ALSO TO BE PROGRAMMED WITH "RIVAL" NEA.

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NIKKYOSO HAS HAD FRIENDLY PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS WITH

NEA FOR SOME YEARS, BUT HAS NEVER HAD MUCH CONTACT WITH AFT. THROUGH THIS GRANT, NIKKYOSO HAS DISCOVERED THAT IT HAS MANY TRADE UNION PROBLEMS IN COMMON WITH AFT. IN FUTURE IT INTENDS TO MAINTAIN PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS WITH NEA, AND ALSO CULTIVATE NEW FRIENDSHIP WITH AFT ON TRADE UNION MATTERS.

LIKE MANY JAPANESE, MR. KANEKO SAID HE FELT MORE COMFORTABLE IN DISCUSSION GROUPS WITH EUROPEANS THAN WITH LDN REPS. THIS WAS HIS ONLY NEGATIVE COMMENT. IF THIS PROGRAM GIVEN AGAIN, KANEKO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE AGAIN, THIS TIME TRAVELLING WITH EUROPEAN TEACHERS AND VISITING SOUTH AND SOUTHWESTERN UNITED STATES.
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